

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Professional Development Committee

Thursday, November 12, 2009

3:00p.m.-4:30p.m.

**Professional Development
Committee**

Judith Douglas, Chair x4856
Pat Brown, CO-Chair x4308

Members:

Patricia Burson x4691
Kiersten Elliott x4173
Nancy Grass Hemmert x8782
Steve Hunt, x4691
Regina Jennings x3418
Cyndy Kelly x4907
Maria Munoz x4407
Valerie Narey x4430
Judy Neveau x4303
Marci Spiegler x8674

Student Members

Cameron Henton
Andrew Lu

Present: Judith Douglas, Judy Neveau, Steve Hunt, Patricia Burson, Kiersten Elliott, Cindy Kelly, Nancy Grass-Hemmert, Andrew Lu

Guests: Brandon Lewis, Sherrie Bradford, Roberto Gonzales

Absent: Pat Brown, Regina Jennings, Marcie Speigler, Valerie Nary

1. Brandon Lewis presented his idea for a breakout session on the Study Abroad program. A 45 minute session would address "building capacity" by recruiting on an ongoing basis faculty who would participate in the program, then mentor a new member who would in turn then mentor someone to follow them. The program seeks to attract under represented students that would greatly benefit from a Study Abroad experience and faculty who wish to support this effort.

2. Roberto Gonzales discussed the Basic Skills Initiative and the possibility of a sessions that survey faculty to see how BSI can support the instructor's efforts to teach students in Basic Skills classes. Discuss how to create bridges to resources to help students get through. Students from basic skills classes could speak to the challenges they face e.g. (three-hour bus rides or, having to work to support a family while taking the basic skills courses). Other would include BSI teaching strategies, how to integrate technology, and sharing of best practices.. There would be three tracts of these sessions with a speaker for each tract.

3. Sherri Bradford brought up having sessions where participants would have a dialog about race. (I thought that this was a great idea, but have little in my notes about this Please help me fill my gaps!!!)

Tentative timeline:

8:30-9:15 Networking & refreshments

9:15-10:15 State of the College address by Dr. Tsang followed by accreditation update (Dr. Tsang and Erica LeBlanc)

10:00-10:15 Themes addressed

10:15-11:00 Homeroom (interactive)

11:00-1:00 Poster sessions

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:45 Workshop 1

1:00-2:45 Workshop 2

3:00 Raffle